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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NI

SUBJECT: GOWON'S ITINERARY

1. NIGERIAN AIRWAY PILOTS P. M. THAHAL AND WILLIAMS CALLED UNEXPECTEDLY ON AF/W OFFICERS SEPTEMBER 25 AND LEFT FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

	DATE	GMT	LOCAL TIME
DEPART LAGOS	3/10/73	2230	2330
ARRIVE DAKAR	4/10/73	0200	0100
DEPART DAKAR	4/10/73	0300	0200
ARRIVE NEW YORK	4/10/73	1100	0700
DEPART NEW YORK (JFK)	8/10/73	2100	1700
ARRIVE DAKAR	9/10/73	0500	0400
DEPART DAKAR	9/10/73	0600	0500
ARRIVE LAGOS	9/10/73	0900	1000

2. PILOTS TOLD US THEY HAD FLOWN TO JFK IN COCKPIT OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED PANAM FLIGHT IN ORDER FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH ROUTE AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROCEDURES. WHILE AT JFK THEY HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH BOAC TERMINAL OFFICIALS FOR PARKING AND SERVICE FACILITIES FOR NIGERIAN ONE.

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3. PURPOSES THEIR CALL ON AF/W OFFICERS WERE:

A. ASCERTAIN DETAILED FLIGHT PLAN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT NIGERIAN ONE WOULD BE CLEARED

EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ENTER US AIRSPACE AND JFK'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (SPECIFICALLY ASKING FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE).

B. NAMES OF SECURITY, PROTOCOL AND OTHER OFFICIALS WHO WOULD MEET AIRCRAFT ON ARRIVAL.

C. ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH CUSTOMS CLEARANCES ETC. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OR PRIOR DEPARTURE.

D. DETAILED ITINERARY FOR PRESIDENTIAL TRIP FROM NYC TO WASHINGTON AND RETURN.

4. WE WERE UNABLE PROVIDE ANSWERS PRIOR PILOTS' DEPARTURE JFK VIA PANAM FLIGHT 184 SEPTEMBER 25.

5. WHILE FOLLOWING ANSWERS PARA THREE STILL TENTATIVE (PROTOCOL MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GARBA FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28), REQUEST YOU PASS THEM TO THAHAL OR WILLIAMS: LAGOS AIRPORT TELEPHONES 31031 AND 31688 OR THAHAL'S RESIDENCE TELEPHONE 33879 (ADDRESS 6 REMI - FANI KAYODE STREET, G. R. A. IKEJA):

A. WHEN FILING FLIGHT PLAN PILOTS MUST REPEAT MUST INCLUDE UNDER REMARKS SECTION INFORMATION THAT HEAD OF STATE ABOARD AIRCRAFT.

B. NAMES OF SECRET SERVICE, US AND UN PROTOCOL OFFICERS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS MEETING AIRCRAFT ON ARRIVAL STILL UNKNOWN.

C. THERE WILL BE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH CUSTOMS OR IMMIGRATION MATTERS.

D. PRECISE ITINERARY FOR WASHINGTON PORTION TRIP NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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YET KNOWN BUT WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN DUE COURSE.

6. FYI. RESPONSIBLE FAA OFFICIALS WASHINGTON AND JFK HAVE BEEN GIVEN DETAILS GENERAL GOWON'S ITINERARY. FAA HOWEVER UNABLE PUBLICIZE FACT THAT ALL AIR CONTROL CENTERS WILL BE ALERTED TO FACILITATE NIGERIAN ONE'S MOVEMENTS FROM MOMENT IT ENTERS US AIRSPACE UNTIL ARRIVAL BOAC TERMINAL (FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES A DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE THOUGH

TERM NEVER USED BY FAA). RUSH

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